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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully submit documents for the Examiner's consideration. A copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of each of the listed documents are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

The International Search report for an International application based upon an application related to the present application is also enclosed.

Applicants also wish to submit for the record the following information concerning development activities for the technology of the invention. Applicants point out that software installations were put into place embodying certain technical features related to the Applicants' invention over a period of time, from at least approximately June 1996 to May 1998 at Government facilities. Those installations involved secure networks executing security features including sensor, parser and other techniques related to Applicants' overall inventive technology,

at different stages of development. Applicants however submit that no such installation reflecting Applicants' invention as claimed was operating more than one year prior to the earliest filing date to which this application is entitled.

Applicants furthermore note that all such software installations were put into place under non-disclosure agreements with appropriate parties, and were not accessible to the public. Applicants make no representation as to the prior art status of those features embodied in software installations which may have been operating more than a year prior to the earliest filing date to which this application is entitled.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner considers the above information and enclosed references, and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609, and that the above information has been considered and made of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the application and/or before the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no fees are due. However, if any fees are incurred upon the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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